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## IN THE UNITED STATES AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Applicant: Haviv Toledano  
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Closed Surgery of Hollow Organs  
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## RESPONSE

Sir:

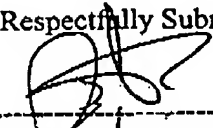
This is in response to the United States Patent and Trademark Office action mailed 13 March 2007, which response is being made on or before 13 June 2007 and for which no extension fees are due. Applicant requests amendment of the above-identified application as follows to place it in condition for allowance:

In the claims:

- (1) Please maintain claims 57, 59-60, 62-72 as originally filled.
- (2) Please rewrite Claims 56, 58 and 61 as Claim 56 (currently amended), 58 (currently amended) and 61 (currently amended) as enclosed herewith.  
(A version comprising markings showing the changes made in these currently amended claims 56, 58 and 61 is also enclosed).
- (3) Please add new depending claims 73-76.

Prior to examination of the claims, the Examiner is respectfully requested to consider the remarks enclosed herewith.

Respectfully Submitted

  
Haviv Toledano (Applicant/Inventor)